

POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

Present: President Ron Yuhas, Vice President Kevin Marquardt, Directors Gale Goode, Al Luther, Jon Luther, Randy Ackley, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar, Chief Rheaume, Acting Deputy Chief Lowell and District Administrator Mary Santos

Absent: Director Ron Johnson

At 6:05 p.m. President Ron Yuhas announced the call to order with the time, date and place. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A moment of silence and a pledge to the flag followed.

Remarks from Visitors:

n/a

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes of November 9, 2023 and January 11, 2024.

Reports and Communications:

Chief Rheaume's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Acting Deputy Chief Lowell's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Fire Marshal Bednarz's report was accepted for the record.

Old Business

a. Fire Inspector Position: Candidates were selected for interviews and interviews were held with those candidates who met the job announcement and were available on the day of the interview panel. The candidates who interviewed were not selected to be considered for employment. Chief Rheaume would like to put an announcement back out with 1 year of experience. Director Jon Luther wanted to know the duties of the Fire Inspector. Fire Chief Rheaume explained his duties and also said the position brings in revenue. President Yuhas suggests Chief Rheaume repost the position for new candidates and invite the current candidates for the process. President Yuhas approved reposting the job.

New Business

a. Budget Preparation: Workshops will be held the end of March or beginning of April. The Board will schedule the workshops at the March 14, 2024 meeting.

b. Director Al Luther wanted to know the department's position on soliciting donations. Per Acting Deputy Chief Lowell, the union may solicit donations however, the department does not.

Good of the Department

N/A

Executive Session

A motion was made by President Yuhas to go into Executive Session at 6:30pm to discuss the upcoming Union Contract. The meeting was resumed at 6:37pm.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Susan Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for January 2024 in the amount of \$110,728.59 were accepted.

MOTION: At 6:46 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on March 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Susan M. Aguiar, Clerk Poquonnock Bridge Fire District